

# TO BE A DISCIPLE

## Unit 1201: *The Disciple and Things of This World*

Matthew 6:19-34

### CONTINUITY FROM OUR LAST HUDDLE (October 13, 2024)

1. Identified *Triad of Jewish Piety* (Almsgiving, Prayer, Fasting)
2. Hypocrites seek attention for public piety and worship.
3. Only REWARD is human recognition - nothing from God.
4. Father-Child relationship defines disciplined worship / piety.
5. Repetitious phrases in prayer cannot manipulate God.
6. Worked through the Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

### I. THE THIRD LEG OF JEWISH PIETY (Public display reverence for God)

**FASTING**: Voluntary abstaining from food in observance of religious need or event.

1. Done to seek enlightenment / deeper understanding.
2. Not meritorious in and of itself - enlightenment is issue.
3. Note V. 16 ... **When** you fast ... *Not if* [regular piety]
4. Scripture does not command Christians to fast.
5. Acts 13:1-3 / Acts 14:23 / Luke 2:36-37 / Luke 5:33 / Matthew 4:1-2

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the three traditional areas of Jewish piety [displayed righteousness] that were practiced by the disciples? Give a brief summary of each one.
  2. What phrase occurs nine times in Matthews 6:1-18? What does the repeated use of this phrase suggest about a disciple's worship and piety?
  3. What is the difference between the "reward" God gives the disciple - and the "reward" that the hypocrite seeks through religious practices?
  4. What is the central thought of the Lord's Prayer?
  5. What are the three parts of the Lord's Prayer - and what do they deal with?
  6. Which petition of the Lord's Prayer does Jesus select for additional comment? Why?
  7. What do we learn from this section about our own worship life as a disciple of Jesus?
  8. How do you think we should practice our daily piety as disciples of Jesus? What should be INCLUDED
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## II. THE DISCIPLE AND THINGS OF THIS WORLD (Matthew 6:19-34)

A. The same impulse that drives hypocrites to seek rewards and recognition from men is at work in the problem of greed and worry.

1. Greek **διψυχος** (dip-si-kos) means ... "double-minded"
2. DIVIDED LOYALTY can destroy a disciple.
3. The HEART is the center of man's thinking, desiring and willingness.
4. When GREED AND WORRY are present, the center of man's thinking life has been corrupted.
5. HEALTHY EYES suggest SINGLENES OF VISION.
6. A slave cannot belong to two masters treasures) simultaneously.

B. WORRY: *A state of anxiety and uncertainty over actual or potential problems.*

1. WORRY is PRACTICAL ATHEISM of the person
2. *Look at the birds of the air and lilies of the field ... NO WORRY*
3. Can we chant "tweet, tweet"?

